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Mikoyan at Havana University

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(Excerpt) Havana--The students of the Cuban capital gave a rousing welcome to Anastas Mikoyan, the first deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, when he arrived at Havana University, the oldest educational establishment of Cuba, on the evening of 10 November. He was accompanied by Dr. Juan Marinello, the rector of Havana University, and Jose Rebellon, president of the students' federation. The assembly hall of the university was packed to capacity by students and professors. Over 7,000 persons who could not gain admission assembled in university square.

Juan Marinello spoke after the national anthems of the Republic of Cuba and the Soviet Union were played. Today, he said, we are playing host to a distinguished representative of the fraternal Soviet people, a sincere friend of the Cuban people, Anastas Mikoyan. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Soviet people and their leaders for the solidarity with us, for the assistance to the Cuban people which we have always felt, especially at the most crucial moments of our revolution.

Jose Rebellon, who spoke next, said: We are grateful to our friend, the Soviet Union, for its assistance and solidarity with us, and say that our unity with our friends is today stronger than ever before. Today, as never before, we closely rally behind our commander, Fidel Castro.

Mikoyan Havana University Speech

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(Summary of Anastas Mikoyan speech at Havana University on 12 November)

(Text) A speech, warmly met by the university collective was given by Anastas Ivanovich Mikoyan. He said: "I feel great satisfaction in being in this ancient center of Cuban culture. For 45 years I have undergone the university course of revolution. I am glad that out of this revolutionary course I am spending 10 days now, and spent 10 days three years ago here, in glorious revolutionary Cuba."

Expressing cordial gratitude for the warm words of greeting, spoken by Juan Marinello and Jose Rebellon, Anastas Mikoyan said: "Accept a fervent greeting from our people, the Communist Party and Government of the Soviet Union, from our leader, the friend of the Cuban people, Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev." Stormy applause was heard in the hall, all stood and chanted "Fidel-Khrushchev, we are together with you."

Anastas Mikoyan also said: "You can be proud that your university has in the two and a half centuries of its existence always been a center of scientific and revolutionary progress. The best leaders of the struggle of the Cuban people against colonialism and imperialism, for independence, came from the walls of your university. The first secretary general of the Communist Party of Cuba, Antonio Mella, was a graduate of this very university. In the struggle against the Batista tyranny student leader Jose Antonio (Ugiderio?) gave his life.

"How can you, and all of us at the same time, fail to take pride in the fact that it was in this university that the great leader of the Cuban people, Fidel Castro, studied? He is a legendary hero of the Cuban revolution. He came down from the mountains in order, together with the workers and peasants, to gain a great, revolutionary victory, and today he leads the people of Cuba from victory to victory in socialist construction.

"Three years have elapsed since my first visit to Cuba," continued Anastas Mikoyan. "First of all I am astounded by the great fighting spirit which has not abated and is continuing to grow. I think that progressive people in the United States must be ashamed of the fact that their government is compelling students to take weapons and to drop their studies, is compelling tens of thousands of workers and peasants to leave their work and to reach for rifles."

Having recalled the first years immediately after the Great October Revolution and the enormous difficulties which the Soviet people had to surmount in their struggle against imperialist intervention and economic disaster, and having compared the Soviet state of that period with the mighty great power which the Soviet Union has become today, Anastas Mikoyan said: "Rest assured that all your difficulties will be surmounted. The revolution will be victorious. The arms of the imperialists are short. The times when they could do whatever they liked are gone. Your cause is the cause of all Soviet people, the cause of all the countries of socialism and of all the progressive people in other countries. The cause of the Cuban revolution is just and it will triumph. The banner of this victory today is Fidel Castro's five points. It is only just to say that Fidel Castro's five points constitute a program of peace for all the countries of the Caribbean basin. Therefore, the Soviet Union supports this program."

Everybody rose and chanted for a long time: "Fidel-Khrushchev, we are together with you!"

"I again assure you that the Soviet people and the Soviet Government, all of us are with your people and with your government in our feelings and our thoughts," declared Anastas Mikoyan. "Our peoples are real brothers, we have a common aim, a common desire--the victory of socialism."

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Anastas Mikoyan highly praised the remarkable achievements of the Cuban revolution in the sphere of the development of economy and culture and in all fields of the building of socialism. In conclusion, he declared: "Hands off revolutionary Cuba! Long live revolutionary Cuba with Fidel Castro at its head! Long live Soviet-Cuban friendship! Viva Cuba!" Those present took up the chant: "Viva, Viva!" amid stormy applause. All joined hands and sang the Internationale.

Mikoyan Visit to Model Farm

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(Text) Havana--On 13 November, First Deputy Chairman Anastas Mikoyan of the USSR Council of Ministers, accompanied by the president of the National Institute of Agrarian Reform, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, visited Isla Turiguano, one of the largest people's estates in Cuba. This is a model cattle breeding farm north of the city of Moron in Camaguey Province.

Anastas Mikoyan familiarized himself in detail with the people's estate and the prospects for development of this farm to which Premier Fidel Castro personally devotes much attention.

Inspecting the fields, shaking hands with the building workers, Mikoyan, together with Carlos Rafael Rodriguez and the managers of the people's estate, discussed lively pressing problems of the people's estate, of its further development. This people's estate, Anastas Mikoyan stressed, has a great future. It will be one of the biggest in the world, a seat of communist management in livestock breeding.

During the visit to Isla Turiguano, Anastas Mikoyan was greeted heartily everywhere by the workers of the people's estate.